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31 MAY - 5 JUNE, TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL
CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. QUOTED BELOW AS PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS CABLE IS THE TEXT OF SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE (DEV/1050) FROM UNDP DATED 31 MAY 1977. USUN HAS LEARNED UNDP ADMINISTRATOR BRADFORD MORSE WILL DEPART NEW YORK ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 2 TO ATTEND THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE MEETING. FOLLOWING THE KUWAIT MEETING, MORSE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT BEIRUT, LEBANON (ARRIVING THE EVENING OF 5 JUNE AND DEPARTING MIDDAY JUNE 7) PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN GENEVA THE EVENING OF JUNE 7 IN TIME TO KICKOFF THE COMMITTEE ON TCDC PORTION OF THE 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING THE MORNING OF 8 JUNE."

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2. QUOTE A PANEL OF SOME 30 LEADING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-MENT THINKERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, MANY OF THEM FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS MEETING IN KUWAIT FROM 31 MAY TO 5 JUNE TO DEVELOP THE MAIN ISSUES TO BE EXAMINED AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC), WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA,

FROM 27 MARCH TO 7 APRIL 1978.

THE GROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN CALLED TOGETHER BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), INCLUDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FOREIGN AID SPECIALISTS, ECONOMISTS, SOCIOLOGISTS, DIRECTORS OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSULTING FIRMS, TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS, AND TECHNICAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS. A SELECT NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM KEY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING BRADFORD MORSE, ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE USED TO FINALIZE
AN AGENDA FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE, DETERMINE ITS DOCUMENTATION,
AND PREPARE A GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION ON TCDC FOR CONSIDERATION
BY THE CONFERENCE

TCDC INVOLVES THE SHARING OF CAPACITIES, EXCHANGE OF SKILLS, OR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT METHODS BETWEEN TWO OR MORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE GOAL OF PROMOTING THEIR MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT. IT AIMS TO SUPPLEMENT TRADITIONAL FORMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE INVOLVED A FLOW OF DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE INCREASINGLY SEEKING SUCH CO-OPERATION, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT HELPS TO MOBILIZE THE UNTAPPED RESOURCES AND CAPACITIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND THEREBY FACILITATE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL USE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN THOSE TYPES OF CO-OPERATION WHICH CAN BEST MEET THEIR COMMON NEEDS.

THE PANEL WILL FOCUS ON THE BROAD IMPLICATIONS OF TCDC FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR INCREASING THE EXCHANGE OF DEVELOPMENT CAPACITIES AND EXPERIENCES AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTHERN WORLD. IT WILL CONSIDER SUCH TOPICS AS:

- --THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS:
- --WHETHER TCDC SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SIMPLY A "SECOND WINDOW" FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OR AS A MEANS FOR RESHAPING THE FOUNDATIONS OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IN LINE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO BUILD COLLECTIVE SELF-RELAINCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER:
- --ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED FROM BUILDING UP SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL TECHNICAL NETWORKS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS A BASIS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ORDER UNDERLYING AND SHAPING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; --THE POTENTIAL OF TCDC FOR ENLARGING THE PRESENT SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS THE DESIGN AND IMPLE-

MENTATION OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMMON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FORMS OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, INCLUDING LINKAGES BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO SUPPLEMENT CONVENTIONAL EXPERT-EQUIPMENT-FELLOWSHIP PACKAGES:

- --THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR TCDC, INCLUDING REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS THROUGH WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN LEARN OF ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS AND CAPACITIES:
- --INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TCDC, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM:
- -- PROSPECTS FOR FINANCING TCDC.

THE PANEL DIRECTLY FOLLOWS A MEETING TO PROMOTE TCDC AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN ASIA, ALSO HOSTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT. THAT MEETING, HELD LAST WEEK (SEE PRESS RELEASE DEV/1049 OF 26 MAY), WAS THE FOURTH MEETING TO PROMOTE TCDC AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL WHICH UNDP ORGANIZED OVER THE PAST YEAR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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A HALF, IN CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. BANGKOK, LIMA AND ADDIS ABABA WERE THE SITES OF THE PREVIOUS REGIONAL MEETINGS.

TO MAKE CAPACITIES FOR TCDC BETTER KNOWN, UNDP HAS LAUNCHED AN INFORMATION REFERRAL SYSTEM (INRES), COVERING TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, EXPERT AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES, AND OTHER CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE FIRST COMPUTER PRINT-OUT DIRECTORY DESCRIBING THE ORGANIZATIONS AND CLASSIFYING THEM BY GOEGRAPHIC REGION, COUNTRY AND SECTOR OF ACTIVITY OR COMPETENCE, WILL BE READY BY 1 JULY. IT WILL LIST OVER 900 POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS OF TCDC IN 67 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. UNQUOTE YOUNG

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